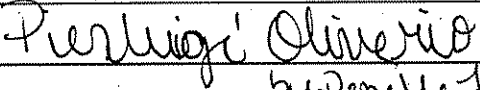


Memorandum

TO: MAYOR REED**FROM:** Councilmember
Pierluigi Oliverio**SUBJECT:** BUDGET DOCUMENT**DATE:** November 19, 2008

Approved


by Denelle Kolor

Date

11/19/2008

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

New Expenditure/Reinstatement

Program/Project Title: Taylor Underpass Tree Planting Streetscape

RDA Project Area: Taylor Street Streetscape

Amount of Agency Funding Required: \$ 50,000

BACKGROUND

This particular stretch of Taylor Street, near Stockton Avenue, has guardrails to serve as a pedestrian walkway and has concrete medians within the street. The requested funding will plant trees according to the RDA's landscape plans. In addition, the maintenance for the trees will be maintained for at least 12 months by the RDA. Planting trees is in accordance with the goals listed in the City of San Jose Green Vision Plan.

From the West, where Taylor Street is the boundary between the College Park and Garden Alameda Neighborhoods, the approximately 900 foot long Taylor Street underpass runs East under the Southern Pacific Railroad to Coleman Avenue and the Guadalupe Gardens Park. It is the Northerly limit of the Julian-Stockton Redevelopment Area and lies just within Council District 3 where it borders District 6 at Stockton Ave.

As a major East-West corridor North of the Downtown, Taylor Street begins as Mabury and runs West past through Japan Town and government centers, over Highway 87 on a bridge through Guadalupe Gardens to the subject underpass, then on through the College Park and Garden Alameda residential neighborhoods, becomes Naglee Ave. at The Alameda, continues through the Shasta Hanchett Park and Rosegarden Neighborhoods, schools, park, museum, and a library, changing names again to Forest Ave., past O'Connor Hospital and under Highway 17 then alongside Valley Fair Shopping Center until it ends at Winchester. Taylor is a very useful road passing many neighborhoods and major destinations. Many more people will be using Taylor in the future by walking, riding bicycles and driving cars due to the new retail shopping centers being added along its path. This specific request has been discussed with the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) and the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Funding Source

Program/Project Title: "Merged Redevelopment Area" Item 32, Downtown Streetscape Improvements

Amount of Agency Funding Change: \$ 50,000

This change is: **x One-time** _____ Ongoing

Anticipated Outcomes. Requested funding changes would affect benefits or services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc. in accordance with one of the following goals and objectives relevant to the City's redevelopment efforts:

- ☐ Create Jobs and Expand Business
- ☐ Build Public Facilities
- ☐ Strong Neighborhoods Initiative and Affordable Housing

Department or Organization Contact: Please list contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation.

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